

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Ashford, on the motion to overrule the Chair. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to support the motion to overrule the Chair. Again, I'm not sure whether this funding mechanism is the appropriate one. In my mind the appropriate funding mechanism is a check-off system that...and if there is insufficient amount of money that comes in the first year, there would be a deficit appropriation and there could possibly be some General Fund dollars utilized and I understand that. But at least then at that point we would know what the deficit would be and we can deal with it. But to...I adamantly am opposed to postponing this bill. I think it's, and I appreciate Senator Beutler bringing to the body the various options to fund it and Senator Beutler is absolutely correct that if you read the governing magazine or several of the other magazines that, state government magazines, Nebraska is one of few states that have really gone out and done something significant in the area of campaign finance reform and I think we should continue to be in the vanguard and when we voted for this bill a couple of years ago I was...that was two years ago and then we've waited two years to implement this and I think it's time that we move forward with it and certainly it's...I understand the Chair's ruling, but I don't know of any other way to proceed other than to deal with the funding at the same time and then hopefully Senator Bromm will bring back his amendment so that we can implement this bill immediately and do the right thing in the area of campaign finance reform that is, in my opinion, such a significant issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Ashford. Senator Schellpeper, on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. I rise to support the Chair. I think this would be terrible if we did something like this. We're trying to improve the image of the Legislature on the backs of our cities. You know, I don't know why we think we have to go and get keno funds. There's a lot of other funds out there also. We've been trying to work with cities and trying to get some things worked out with some of these here keno dollars and trying to get some funds for these different cities. The City of Lincoln was going to use their keno for libraries and parks and now we want to come in and use them for the image of the Legislature. Well that